

TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER LDR/12/US / AK 165456
		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/575065
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/IB2004/003244	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 06 October 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 09 October 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION Device and Method for Sectioning a Vertebral Lamina		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Paolo MANGIONE		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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<p>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821- 1.825.</p> <p>18. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p>		

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20. Other items or information: International Search Report from PCT/IB2004/003244 Foreign Reference: JP 2002-282263 (with translation) Return Postcard Information Disclosure Statement Cover Sheet Certificate of Mailing					
The following fees have been submitted		CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY			
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TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 =		\$ 900			
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Total claims		10 - 20 =	9	x \$ 50	\$ 0
Independent claims		1 - 3 =	0	x \$200	\$ 0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$360	\$ 360	
		TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =			\$ 1390
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 1/2.					
		SUBTOTAL =			\$ 695
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).					\$ 0
		TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =			\$ 695
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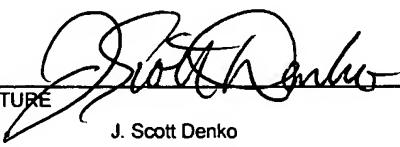
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1. Transmittal Letter to the U.S. Receiving Office (3 pages) (with duplicate);
2. Copy of the International Application as Published (with duplicate);
3. International Search Report from PCT/IB2004/003244;
4. Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
5. Forms PTO/SB/08A (1 sheet) (with duplicate copy);
6. 1 reference;
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